

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) hereby voluntarily *joins the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty* and states its dedication to pursue the Alliance's mission, objectives and principles, as *expressed* in the Global Alliance's Terms of Reference and Governance Framework, and to collaborate with other members to achieve lasting solutions to poverty and hunger worldwide, as expressed below.

IFAD:

Recognizes that hunger and malnutrition are the perverse manifestations of persistent, structural poverty and inequality, and recognizes the need to end poverty and hunger in all their forms and dimensions and to fully and effectively implement the 2030 Agenda.

Acknowledges the alarming growth in the number of people facing food insecurity and poverty in recent years, noting that, despite all significant past and current efforts, the world is not on track to meet SDG 1 and 2 targets, inequality is also on the rise (SDG 10), and a significant increase in collective ambition, as well as improvement in collective alignment and coordination for the fight against hunger and poverty, is urgently needed.

To that effect, *endorses* the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty and its mission to support and accelerate efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty (SDGs 1 and 2) while reducing inequalities (SDG 10), contributing to revitalize global partnerships for sustainable development (SDG 17) and to the achievement of other interlinked SDGs, and championing sustainable, inclusive and just transitions.

Notes that it is crucial for the world to unite behind large-scale, integrated approaches combining international, regional, national, and local levels, that recognize the interconnected nature of challenges and solutions to hunger and poverty and pair social protection with access to goods and services that can help the poor and vulnerable populations to overcome structural barriers and drive responsible investment in their productive capacity. These complementary services include but are not limited to interventions for poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, early childhood support, education and skills development, employment services, health and care services, as well as family farmers and smallholders' access to finance, extension services, research and/or agricultural inputs, in line with international commitments and obligations.

Particularly recognizes the high value and positive impact of quality implementation of national and local country-owned, inclusive policy instruments and programmes, focused on the poorest and most vulnerable, in the fields of poverty reduction, social protection, food security and nutrition, gender equality, decent work in the agri-food sector, skills development, family farming and smallholder agriculture, food systems transformation, health and care services and resilience building.

Also *acknowledges* the Global Alliance’s reference basket of such policies as a collectively built, ongoing collection of examples with robust evidence to reduce hunger and poverty, and as a useful basis to guide joint action and increase alignment of the international community at country level. This acknowledgement is applicable to the policy basket approach as a general guide to action and does not imply endorsement of any specific policy instrument or programme contained in the basket.

Therefore, by joining the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, *commits* to do its best efforts, in its own field of action, and according to its own mandate, capacities, priorities, preferences, procedures, and legal arrangements and framework, to support the implementation of policy instruments and programmes at country level as appropriate, including by the promotion of shared learning and the mobilization of resources, public and private, at scale.

In particular:

Financial support commitments

IFAD:

Informs that IFAD’s ambition is to deliver an estimated amount of USD 10 billion of financial resources in the reference timeframe of 2025 to 2027 to provide support applicable to the fight against hunger and poverty and advancing SDGs 1 and 2. The amount informed is the best possible estimation considering different applicable modalities, allocations and budget cycles, and is subject to changing circumstances and budgets. It is not to be considered a pledge of new and additional resources.

Commits that IFAD will work with its 178 member countries, to leverage IFAD’s programme of loans and grants in an estimated number of 80 countries to support the implementation, improvement or scale-up of SDGs 1 and 2 policies, in response to requests by Global Alliance member countries. In doing so, support will be provided to the implementation of the policy instruments in the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty Policy Basket mentioned under the “knowledge support commitments” section of this document.

Note that IFAD’s “financial support commitments” will be made in accordance with IFAD’s rules and resource allocation mechanisms.

Commits to make its best efforts to improve the destination, allocation and alignment of the use of its resources, including through coordination and cooperation facilitated by the Global

Alliance, to support member countries to implement, improve, or scale-up the implementation of select programmes or policy instruments in the Alliance's reference basket to drive the fight against hunger and poverty, in line with sustainable country-led financing and implementation strategies.

Knowledge support commitments

IFAD:

Commits to make its best efforts to co-create and provide technical assistance, capacity building and strengthening, training and/or knowledge-sharing on voluntary and mutually agreed terms in response to requests by Global Alliance member countries that choose to implement policy instruments and programmes in the Alliance's policy basket that are compatible with its areas of expertise.

Commits to make its best efforts to improve the alignment of its actions, including through the Global Alliance's coordination mechanisms, leveraging, and partnering with other actors to better support large scale, country-owned implementation of policies and programmes in the reference basket by Global Alliance member countries, aiming at enhancing country-level outcomes.

Commits to collaborate with other Alliance members to develop innovative solutions and share good practices in learning and knowledge exchange and dissemination on voluntary and mutually agreed terms, data collection and analysis, including by leveraging existing local, national, and international knowledge networks, coalitions, communities and other fora related to aspects relevant to the fight against hunger and poverty.

Informs its capacity and readiness to support Alliance member governments in implementing, improving or scaling-up the following policy instrument types, referenced in the Global Alliance's basket of policy instruments:

- a) Productive assets, inclusive land and natural resources access, ownership and tenure security in the case smallholder farmers
- b) Mobility and infrastructure development in under-privileged areas
- c) Inclusive credit and financial rural services for smallholders;
- d) Access to irrigation;
- e) Climate resilient agricultural technologies for family farming
- f) Inclusive market infrastructure development
- g) Inclusive value addition and processing
- h) Pro-poor access to agricultural inputs, technology and knowledge
- i) Promoting short value chains
- j) Nutrition education and awareness, including SBCC (Social Behaviour communication change)
- k) Promotion and access to healthy diets, including through education and affordable/subsidized prices
- l) Integrated programmes for climate and shock resilience, including programmes related to anticipatory, adaptive and shock-responsive social protection

- m) Integrated programmes for economic inclusion
- n) Integrated programmes for gender equality and empowerment

In doing so, *commits* to sharing best practices and knowledge about effective family farming-centred policies drawing on its country programmes, as well as its experience hosting global and regional Farmers' Fora and co-leading the UN Decade of Family Farming.

Commits to leverage its experience in South-South and Triangular Cooperation to foster collaborative initiatives that promote tailored technical assistance and action-oriented policy dialogues aimed at catalyzing regional and global impact, enhancing cross-country synergies, and delivering targeted benefits to the Global Alliance member countries in alignment with their development priorities and needs.

General acknowledgments

Recognizes the possibility to, including through the mechanisms available to Global Alliance members, coordinate, partner with and/or seek support from the Global Alliance's other members, within their respective capacities, availability, and fields of activity, to carry out the present commitments with greater effectiveness.

While recognizing that the above commitments are voluntary and non-legally binding, being subject to and carried out under its own capacities, regulations, priorities, and modalities, as well as to the availability of appropriate resourcing, *strives* to seriously consider, as appropriate, and according to its own legal frameworks and governance process, to review its procedures and priorities as found necessary to better deliver on the present commitments, enhance synergies and joint efforts with other entities and initiatives, and improve outcomes on the collective fight against hunger and poverty.